

Case Study:

RTE Food Processing Facility Eliminates Shoe Covers and Saves Over \$66,000 per year Using EVO Three with Sole Clean Units

CHALLENGES

An RTE food processing facility was having employees wear shoe covers when on the production floor. However, the Quality Assurance Manager was worried about employees needing to touch their dirty shoes when applying and removing shoe covers, as well as the excessive cost of the shoe covers. Additionally, employees were unhappy with the shoe covers, with complaints that the shoe covers were a tripping hazard and difficult to walk in.



GOALS

The facility wanted to find a way to eliminate shoe covers from their footwear hygiene program but still ensure a pathogen-free production environment. The facility did not have debris on the floor, so no debris removal was needed. The QA Manager was hoping to transition to a less expensive alternative, as they were spending roughly \$75,000 annually for shoe covers for over 100 employees per shift.



SOLUTION

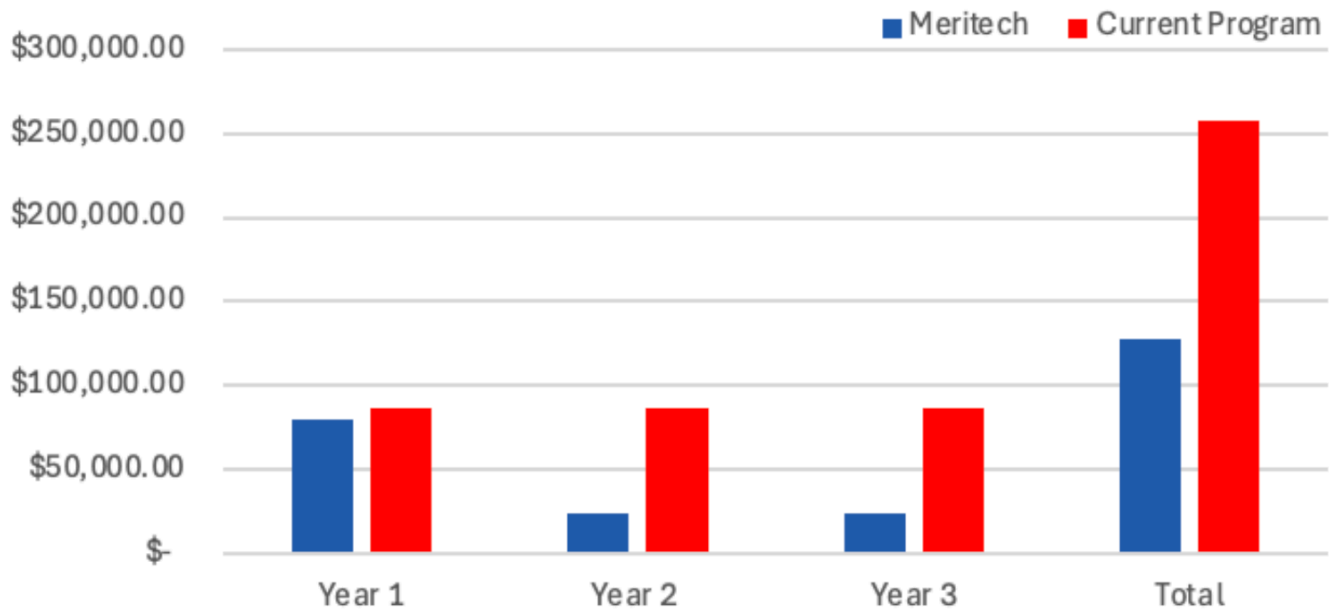
After doing some online research, the QA Manager discovered dry footwear sanitation from Meritech. After seeing the benefits of the Automated Hygiene Equipment, they spoke with a Meritech Hygiene Expert, who was able to provide additional information and advise on the best possible hygiene solution for their facility. With the large number of employees per shift and the singular plumbing outlet, the facility purchased 2 CleanTech® EVO Three high throughput hand washing stations with Sole Clean enhancements.

RESULT



After the replacing the shoe covers and the handwashing sinks with (2) EVO Three with Sole Clean Stations, the concerns that the QA Manager had about their program were resolved. The employees were removing more than 99.9% of pathogens from their hands and footwear and felt safer walking around the facility without shoe covers. **The RTE food processing facility saw savings of \$66,000 annually, which totaled a savings of \$199,000 over the course of three years by upgrading to Meritech Automated Hygiene Equipment.**

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ADDITIONAL BENEFITS



- The RTE facility was able to improve sustainability by eliminating plastic waste from shoe cover use.
- The QA Manager had peace of mind, knowing that each employee was getting a guaranteed 99.9% removal of pathogens before entering the critical production zones.
- Employees were able to return to production faster as their hand and footwear cleaning was combined into a simultaneous 12 second event.
- Training new employees became easier because with the automated hygiene equipment and employees felt safer walking around without shoe covers.

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